



CONNECTICUT INVENTION CONVENTION

Guidelines for Inventors

1. An invention must be the product of a single inventor. Pair or group inventions are not allowed.
2. An invention must meet the following definition:
An invention must have utility; it must solve a real problem. It is something that no one has ever made before. It cannot be purchased in a store or found in a book. An invention may be a non-obvious improvement to an existing object that yields new utility
3. The cost of the invention should not exceed \$20. Inventors are encouraged to use recycled materials.
4. The invention must be accompanied by a self-standing display board (requiring no more than 24 inches of table space) that includes the following information:
 - The title of the invention
 - A description of the problem the invention solves
 - A description of how the invention works
 - The inventor's name, grade, and school
5. The inventor must submit a log or report that includes the following information:
 - A written statement of the purpose of the invention and the problem it solves
 - A list of materials used
 - A list of steps taken to complete the invention, including a description of any problems encountered and drawings or pictures of attempts that failed
 - A statement of originality, including description of what the inventor did to establish that the invention does not already exist, with parent verification
6. The invention must fit in a space that is two feet by two feet; larger invention should be represented by a working model.
7. **See the CIC website www.CtInventionConvention.org for more information and a list of anticipated awards.**